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For: RECOMBINANT HUMAN SM-11044-BINDING

RECEPTOR PROTEINS EXHIBITING LIGAND-

BINDING ACTIVITIES, AND THEIR USES

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 January 13, 2004

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes changes to the specification.